

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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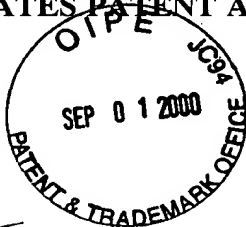
Serial No.: 09/300,425 *ngm*

Examiner: V. Portner

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Group Art Unit: 1645

For: **SPECIFIC BINDING MOLECULES FOR SCINTIGRAPHY,
CONJUGATES CONTAINING THEM AND THERAPEUTIC METHOD
FOR TREATMENT OF ANGIOGENESIS**



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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 2, 2000 (Paper No. 8), please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-13 and 18 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

The examiner is thanked for the helpful and informative teleconference on August 31, 2000.

Applicants elect with traverse, Group 1, claims 1-13, 18, and 20-24. Since claims 1-13 and 18 are being examined in the parent application, Serial No. 09/075,338, these claims have been canceled. At such time when the elected claims are deemed allowable, Applicant intends to request rejoinder of method claims 25-27 in Group III.

In any event, it is believed that any restriction is not appropriate. If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.